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KAMINSTEIN MEMORIAL CONCERT PLANNED

The Library of Congress will present a concert by the Emerson String Quartet in memory of the late Abraham L. Kaminstein, who was Register of Copyrights from 1960 to 1971, on Friday evening, December 16, at 8 o'oclock in the Coolidge Auditorium. The concert will be preceded by a tribute to Mr. Kaminstein delivered by Alan Latman of the New York University Law Center, who is executive director of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.

The quartet will perform the Andante con moto from Schubert's Quartet in D minor, D. 810, Haydn's Quartet in B flat, Op. 76, No. 4, and Beethoven's Quartet in D, Op. 18, No. 3. The concert is open to the public free of charge. No tickets or reservations are required.

Mr. Kaminstein, an outstanding figure in national and international copyright, died on September 10 (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for September 23, pp. 661, 666-667).

The members of the Emerson String Quartet are Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer, violins; Guillermo Figueroa, Jr., viola, and Eric Wilson, cello. The quartet was formed in 1972 under the guidance of Robert Mann, first violinist of the Juilliard String Quartet, and has performed at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, and other locations in and around New York City. In this concert, it is making its debut appearance in Washington, D.C.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

All Library of Congress buildings will be closed on Sunday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day. On December 24, the Library will maintain its usual Saturday service, except for the Congressional Reading Room, which will be open if the Congress is in session. On Monday, December 26, all reading rooms will be closed, again with the exception of the Congressional Reading Room, which will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. if the Congress is in session. On Monday, the Library's exhibition halls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guided tours will be given hourly from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Monday.

MURRAY FLUTE ARCHIVE GIVEN TO LIBRARY

The Armstrong Flute Co. of Elkhart, Ind., has presented to the Library's Music Division a major gift consisting of a full archive covering the development of the Murray flute, an instrument that incorporates perhaps the most important innovation in flute design and construction since World War II. The gift, which came to the Library last month, also represents a new effort on the part of the Music Division to update its collections of musical instruments.

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The musical instrument collection in the Library of Congress is among the world's largest. The most extensive group of instruments is the Dayton C. Miller Collection of flutes, which forms a complete library of materials relating to the flute up to 1941, the year in which Dr. Miller died and the collection came to the Library. As part of routine acquisitions the Music Division has added to the music and book sections of the Miller Collection, but has not made a systematic effort to update the instrument part of this collection.

The Armstrong gift, put together by Mark Thomas, vice president of Armstrong, includes materials showing the development and final construction of the Boehm system flute as improved by Alexander Murray, former first flutist of the London Symphony Orchestra for 11 years. Mr. Murray's improvements are actually intended to bring the Boehm flute closer to Boehm's own ideal specifications than had been thought practical before now. The flute as Boehm left it, and as it has essentially remained since that time, incorporates some compromises in which individual tone holes are used for several different and uncomplementary purposes. The Murray flute eliminates these compromises with the addition of split keys and an extra vent hole. The gift includes two partially

Jon Newsom, acting assistant chief of the Music Division, and David Shorey, a consultant to the division, examine several of the Murray flutes recently presented to the Library.

drawn flute tubes showing the placement and size of the tone holes, the first operational prototype built by Armstrong, a finished Murray flute (No. 8), and several letters, slides, and written materials on the instruments. The gift is a major step in bringing the Miller Collection up to date in terms of flute innovations and initiates a new era for the division's library of musical instruments.

Included in the Miller Collection are roughly 3,000 books, dating from 1488, representing first editions of nearly every important published work relating to this instrument. The music section of the collection includes approximately 10,000 titles, the artwork section, hundreds of prints and engravings, statutes and statuettes, and the documents section autographs, original drawings of experimental flutes, photographs, price lists, and many other categories of original information relating to the flute. As a bibliographical background on a musical instrument, the Miller Collection is unique. The instrument section of the collection includes examples from most of the finest

ALAN PATON'S VISIT TO LC MARKED BY VARIED ACTIVITIES

South African author Alan Paton spent a very full day at the Library of Congress on November 22 which began with a luncheon held in his honor in the Whittall Pavilion. A one-hour press conference followed the luncheon, and additional interviews were scheduled for the next morning. Mr. Paton was in the United States for a six-week lecture tour which included an appearance at the Library.

His lecture on the topic "A Total View of South Africa" was delivered to a capacity audience in the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. A reception followed in the Great Hall.

Mr. Paton (second from left) is shown here with luncheon guests Livingston Biddle, chairman, National Endowment for the Arts; Ruth Boorstin; and Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh.

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fluetmakers as well as original specimens of important experimental innovations from 1680 through 1940.

OSA/LC CONCERT SCHEDULED

Jaime Laredo, violin, Sharon Robinson, cello, and Joseph Kalichstein, piano, will present an evening of Brahms trios on Wednesday, December 14. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock in the Coolidge Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Organization of American States in cooperation with the Library of Congress, the program will include the trios in C minor, Op. 101, in C major, Op. 87, and in B major, Op. 8.

The concert is open to the public free of charge and no tickets or reservations are required.

HARD-TO-FILL VACANCY ANNOUNCED

A GS-5/6 vacancy of library technician (preliminary cataloger) for Indonesian and related language materials in the Descriptive Cataloging Division has proven hard to fill because of an insufficient number of applicants who met the required qualifications under Posting 4685. Applications are invited, therefore, from all persons both inside and outside the Library of Congress who may have an interest in the position and feel that they are qualified.

The new announcement of the vacancy, Posting 5229, states that the minimum required qualifications must have been met by December 2, and lists them as follows:

"Good communication abilities in English sufficient to read, understand and discuss complex cataloging rules; ability to adapt quickly and to work

under pressure to meet strict deadlines; ability to type accurately using standard keyboard with a speed of 25 words per minute as demonstrated by a typing test; physical stamina to handle books and for standing and bending."

The educational requirement at the GS-5 level is a bachelor's degree, and additional requirements for the GS-6 level are six months of processing experience at the GS-5 level or equivalent in a research library. The language requirement is a reading knowledge of two modern foreign languages, one of which must be Indonesian, with additional skill, including ability to romanize and type as applicable, in one of the following foreign languages or language areas: African, Arabic-alphabet, Hebraic, western European, Korean, or Chinese.

Briefly stated, the incumbent learns and applies a complex body of cataloging rules and procedural guidelines, organizing bibliographical data and recording it accurately and quickly, (1) in searching manually in the Official Catalog, Process Information File and/or via CRT terminal in the MARC Data Base, or in related manual or machine-readable files, to determine a work's exact bibliographic relationship to the Library's collections; (2) in writing appropriate reports of the results of such searches; and (3) in recommending the appropriate choice and form of entry for new works. The incumbent prepares, manually or on-line via CRT terminal, preliminary entries for new works and editions selected for retention for the collections.

Employees of the Library of Congress may apply through the usual channels. Interested persons outside the Library of Congress may make application by mailing a completed Personal Qualifications Statement and Standard Form 171 (available from any government agency). All applications should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*. All applications, which become the property of the Library of Congress, must be sent to the Recruitment and Placement Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

STAFF REMINDED TO HAVE SEALED PACKAGES STAMPED

During the Christmas season, members of the Special Police Force will be stamping wrapped packages brought into Library buildings by staff members. Because the number of such packages increases during this season, the Protective Services Section has devised a system to eliminate the need for passes to be issued to remove parcels or the need to unwrap them for inspection when the employee enters or leaves the building.

SOVIET PUBLISHERS VISIT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Nineteen Russian publishers were guests of the Library of Congress at a reception on Saturday, November 19, where they met Library officials and area publishers. Their U.S. tour is being sponsored by the Association of American

Publishers. While at the Library, the group visited the Main Reading Room (above left), where Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh addressed them, and the exhibition halls (right photo), where they viewed the Gutenberg Bible.

The stamp, in a Christmas motif, is affixed in such a manner that opening the package would be apparent to the police officer when the employee leaves the building. Packages not stamped in this manner, or those which indicate that they have been opened after being stamped, must be either accompanied by an appropriate pass or opened for inspection.

Actor Ben Vereen visited the Library of Congress recently for the opening of an exhibition of children's paintings selected for reproduction as seals for the 1977 Christmas seal campaign sponsored by the American Lung Association. Mr. Vereen, chairman of this year's campaign, was welcomed to the Library by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh. The collection of 54 paintings was on display at the Library through December 4 and will next be shown at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis, Ind. (A fuller account of the exhibit appeared in the LC Information Bulletin *for November 4, p. 745.)*

STAFF NEWS

AWARDS

The Semiannual Awards Ceremony was held in the Coolidge Auditorium on Wednesday, November 23. Barbara Henry, Robert Palian, and David Shorey of the Music Division opened the ceremonies with a concert of instrumental music.

The following members received awards:

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD

Library of Congress employees are awarded service emblems in recognition and appreciation of faithful service to the Library and the citizens of the United States.

30 Years

Edmond L. Applebaum

35 Years

Leroy Brown
Richard W. Hill
George Allan Ledwith
Hortense C. Reynolds

SUGGESTION AWARD

An award for an idea submitted by an employee and adopted by the Library.

H. R. Gandy
Sharon Ann Kearney
Betty L. Wilson

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For performance substantially exceeding job requirements, either as a one-time occurrence or sustained performance, exceeding normal requirements in one or more important job elements. Special achievement awards may also be given for special acts or services in the public interest, connected with, or related to, official employment.

Roy L. Brooks
Eleanor Burlison
Bernard W. Costello, Jr.
Sylvia Csiffary
Eugene H. Ferguson
J. Roland Hill
Bonnie M. Novack
Douglas D. Postell
Laurie E. Smith
Beatrice E. Winfield

Group Award

Blanket Order Section, Order Division

Surelia H. Davis
Diane E. Dixson
Talmadge D. Flowers
Alvin D. Gustin
Nicholas P. Roberts
Beverly M. Wadden

Group Award

Microphotographic Section, Photoduplication Section

Jeanette W. Davis
Berkeley E. Deane
Valeria H. Thompson

Group Award
Special Order Section, Order Division

Joseph T. Collins
Carroll B. Grant
Marguerite W. Jackson
Walter D. Sampson, Jr.
Charles E. Trout, Jr.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

For contributions of moderate benefit to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, agencies, or institutions, or for acts or services that merit recognition within the Library.

Mary G. Dickerson
Nathan R. Einhorn
Aaron M. Harley
Nancy Jane Hering
Marsha J. Jackson
Barbara B. Maddox
Jennifer V. Magnus
Natalie Metenkanich
Ronald D. Miller
Regina K. Poole
Richard P. Swing

Group Award
Collections Maintenance Unit,
Geography and Map Division

Beth Ann Ball
Jeffrey M. Clark
James L. Golliver
Thornton P. McGlamery
William Neidermeyer

Group Award
Stack Services and Processing Units,
Serial Division

Paul Q. Baker, Jr.
Rita T. Britt
Kenneth W. Carter
Christine DeMoncada
Henry J. Gaskins
Mary E. Geiger
Alvin C. Green
Anne M. Koelbel
Maurice E. Lauher, Jr.
David A. Miller
Lowell V. Muse
Henry W. Peeples, Jr.
Barbara A. Retzlaff
Lewis B. Talley, Jr.
William B. Tucker
Henry A. Williams

SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

For contributions of considerable benefit to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, agencies, or institutions; or for acts or services that deserve special recognition because of their benefit to individuals, to the Library, or through the Library to other libraries, institutions, or government agencies.

Hisao Matsumoto
Marybeth Peters
Elizabeth B. Price

OUTSTANDING HANDICAPPED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Donna Pastore

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Frederick H. Pauls has been appointed senior specialist in American national government and chief of the Government Division of the Congressional Research Service.

Mr. Pauls comes to this position with 12 years of experience in the CRS Government Division and expertise in the field of American national government. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Knox College, and was awarded a master's degree by the University of Pittsburgh, where he also completed course work for his doctorate in political science.

Mr. Pauls came to the Library in August 1965, transferring to the position of reference librarian in the former Government and General Research Division of CRS in October of that year. He was reassigned to the position of analyst in American national government in January 1966 and since that time has received numerous promotions and served in various capacities within the Government Division, including, for a brief period in 1973, as acting assistant chief. In October 1974, Mr. Pauls was promoted to specialist in American national government. Most recently, Mr. Pauls has served as acting chief of the Government Division and senior specialist in American national government on a temporary basis.

Throughout his years of service as a CRS staff member, Mr. Pauls has been involved in a range of activities in his professional field. He participated in the first Belmont Conference, has appeared at Civil Service Commission seminars to discuss campaign financing, and served as a moderator of a panel of doctors and a national journalist to discuss health screening for political candidates. He also met with members of the Canadian Parliament to discuss the Congress and the Parliament and appeared at a National Public Administration Society Seminar to discuss CRS and its support of the Congress.

Carolyn Hoover Sung has been named assistant chief for bibliographic services, Photoduplication Service, effective November 7.

Mrs. Sung received a bachelor's degree in history from Winthrop College in 1965 and a master's degree in history from the University of Maryland in 1970. She has completed her course work toward a Ph. D. in American Studies at the George Washington Univer-

sity and is currently working on her dissertation.

Mrs. Sung joined the staff of the Library of Congress in 1965 as a searcher trainee in the former Card Division and transferred to the Manuscript Division in the same year. She worked in the Manuscript Division Reader Service Section and Preparation Section before being selected for the Library's Special Recruit Program in 1970. She has served as head of the Reference and Reader Service Section of the Manuscript Division since January 1971.

She is a member of the Society of American Archivists and has served as chairman of the Nominating Committee. As a member of the Society's Committe on Finding Aids, she contributed to the Society's manual, *Inventories and Registers: A Handbook of Techniques and Examples,* published in 1976. She currently serves on the Committee on Reference and Access Policy, Archival Manpower Project, as reporter for *The American Archivist.* She is also serving as a representative on a new task force created and supported by the Society of American Archivists and the American Association for State and Local History to survey and recommend procedures for the recruitment of members of minority groups into the archival and local history professional activities.

Mrs. Sung is a member of the Manuscript Society (president of the Washington Area Chapter, 1973-74), Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, and the Southern Historical Association. Mrs. Sung has presented papers before professional, historical and genealogical groups and discussed manuscript collecting and manuscript exhibits on radio.

Her publications include "Catharine Mitchill's Letters from Washington, 1806-1812" which appeared in the July 1977 issue of *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* and the *Register of the Papers of J. Robert Oppenheimer in the Manuscript Division* (1974).

Mrs. Sung is married to George Chao-sheng Sung. They have two children, Andrew Yao-tung and Sarah Szu-li.

Appointments: Monserrat Alayon, library technician, GT-5, LAPS, 5064; Stahl Baker, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser, OP RS-102; Harry Barnes, library aid, GS-3, Loan, OP 10-600; Kevin Holland, issue-briefing editor, GS-11, CRS D, 4950; Hilary Lord, clerical assistant, GT-4, Mus, 5154; Renee Robinson, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS A, 4057; Sarah Stover, post editor, GS-9, Ser Rec, 4931.

Temporary Appointments: Jeffrey Aarons, deck attendant, GS-2, S&R, OP 4-600; Robert DiMichels, library aid, GS-1, S&R, NP; Gina Lee, library aid, GS-1, Loan, NP; Tangelia Rowe, library aid, GS-1, Loan, NP; George Thorne, library aid, GT-1, Photodup, NP; Wanda Turman, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; Kent Washington, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; Artina Williams, library aid, GS-1, Loan, NP; Deborah Woods, library aid, GS-1, Loan, NP.

Reappointments: Robert Garian, language specialist, GS-9, FRD, 5142; Loretta Pullen, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, OP 8-500; John E. Smith, II, mail technician, GS-3, Cop Serv, Op 10-200.

Temporary Reappointments: Lisa Carter, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; Glen Evans, clerical assistant, GS-3, DBPH, RS-103.

Promotions: James Glover, to offset pressman, WI-11, CDS, 5001; Alphonso Ware, to offset pressman, WI-11, CDS, 5001; Romonde Winters, to routing assistant, GS-5, E&G, 5087.

Transfer: Francis Harper, S&R, to library technician, GS-4, CRS C, 4954.

Resignation: Gregory Taylor, E&G.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Alan Fern, director of the Research Department, gave an illustrated lecture on "Aspects of Contemporary Printmaking" on November 21 to the Collector's Circle of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond.

Gerald D. Gibson, assistant head, Recorded Section, is the compiler, with Michael H. Gray, of the first volume of *Bibliography of Discographies,* published by the R. R. Bowker Co. Published on December 7, Volume one of the projected five-volume work covers discographies of classical music found in publications from 1925 through 1975. Other volumes in the series will survey discographies of jazz, popular music, ethnic and folk music, and general discographies.

Mary Jane Gibson, assistant head of the Bibliography Section of the General Reference and Bibliography Divison, is the compiler of a survey on the development of bibliographic services in the United States in 1975, which was published in the UNESCO bimonthly *Bibliography, Documentation, Technology* (Paris) for March/April (Vol. 17, pp. 86-93) as part of its feature "Bibliographical Services Throughout the World." The report, submitted to UNESCO in response to an annual questionnaire, discusses the activities of the United States in connection with Universal Bibliographic Control and interlibrary cooperation. It includes citations to indexes and abstracts of periodicals and bibliographies of government publications and multimedia materials, as well as to other bibliographies on a variety of topics ranging from

WRA MAKES GIFT TO NEEDY EMPLOYEES OF EARNINGS FROM FOOD SALES

Laura Christian, president of the Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association, presented a check on November 22 to Elizabeth W. Ridley, employee relations officer, which is to be used to help selected needy staff members and their families to have a more joyous Christmas. The check represents the receipts taken in from the sale of hot dogs and soft drinks at outdoor concerts sponsored by the American Folklife Center during 1977.

Attending the presentation were WRA members who volunteered their services in order to make the sales effort a success. Pictured (left to right) are Joseph A. Preli, Betty Neal, Ellsworth Jackson, Elizabeth Ridley, Laura Christian, Kim Conner, Alfredda Payne, and Francis E. Verrier.

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ethnic groups and science and technology to area studies. An expanded version of this compilation appeared in the Winter 1976 issue of *RQ*.

Guy A. Marco, chief of the General Reference and Bibliography Division, is coauthor, with Ann Garfield and Sharon Ferris, of *Information on Music: Volume II–The Americas,* published by Libraries Unlimited. The first volume of this bibliographic set appeared in 1975; there are to be eight volumes altogether. Mr. Marco also recently participated in a four-day meeting of the ALA Committee on Accreditation, and attended the Pittsburgh Conference on the On-Line Revolution in Libraries.

Vivian Schrader, head of the Audiovisual Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, was a speaker at Automation Update IV, programs sponsored by the California State Library on November 16 in San Francisco and on November 17 in Los Angeles. In a program devoted to audiovisual automation, she discussed the need for using standardized cataloging rules in providing bibliographic control of audiovisual materials. While in California, Miss Schrader also lectured on November 18 at the School of Library Science at the University of Southern California on the development of rules for the cataloging of audiovisual materials and the implementation of these rules at the Library of Congress.

John C. Williams, research and testing officer, is the

editor of *Preservation of Paper and Textiles of Historic and Artistic Value,* recently published by the Cellulose, Paper and Textile Division of the American Chemical Society. The book is a collection of papers presented at a 1976 symposium in San Francisco organized by Mr. Williams and sponsored by ACS. Of particular interest to librarians are chapters concerned with the care and restoration of books and methods of extending the life of acid paper by deacidification and alkaline buffering. Also discussed is the degradation of paper as accelerated by the presence of oxidation catalysts. The scope of the volume ranges from the development of modern alkaline archival papers to methods of drying books. These subjects are treated in depth. Attention is given to both ancient and modern fibers, including discussions of methods employed in predicting the life of paper and textile artifacts. The book is No. 164 in the Advances in Chemistry Series and is available for $38 (hard copy) from the Book Department of the American Chemical Society, 1155 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

John A. Wolter, assistant chief, Geography and Map Division, has been reappointed to his fifth two-year term as a Library of Congress representative to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Mr. Wolter served as deputy from 1969 to 1975 and has served as a member since 1975. He was elected chairman of the Foreign Names Committee on November 22. **Myrl D. Powell**, assistant to the principal cataloger, Subject Cataloging Division, and **David K. Carrington**, head, Technical Services Section, Geography and Map Division, have been reappointed to their second terms as the Library's first and second deputies. Mr. Powell's primary responsibility is with the board's Domestic Names Committee, and Mr. Carrington's with the Foreign Names Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelly G. Nissley and **James L. Burrows** were married on October 15 at 1 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church in Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Burrows is a search reports assistant in the Reference Search Section, Reference Division, and Mr. Burrows is a mail technician in the Mail Unit, Materials Control Section, Service Division. The couple will live in Alexandria.

Elizabeth and Lakhwant Aulakh are the parents of a son, Davindar Heath, born November 8 at Columbia Hospital for Women. Mrs. Aulakh is a cataloger in the German Language Section of the Shared Cataloging Division. Mr. Aulakh is employed in private industry.

On Friday, December 23, the **Library of Congress Credit Union**, will be open between 8 and 11 a.m. instead of its usual hours. The change of schedule is for that day only. The Credit Union is located in the Thomas Jefferson Building, Room SB1008.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Scott, Jr. are the parents of a boy, Brandon Jason, born September 29 at George Washington University Hospital. Mr. Scott is lithographic helper in the Printing and Processing Section, Central Services Division, and Mrs. Scott is assistant division secretary, Environmental Policy Division, Congressional Research Service.

The Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association **Choral Society** will sponsor its third annual sign-language concert on Tuesday, December 20, at 2 p.m., in the East Lobby, Second Floor of the Thomas Jefferson Building, near Room 2040 of Descriptive Cataloging Division. The concert will be under the direction of Maxine Christian, Subject Cataloging Division. Students of Miss Christian, who teaches a sign language class during lunch hours, will help sign. Special solo and small group numbers will also be featured, with the Choral Society providing a musical background. Leontine Connolly, Congressional Research Service, will direct.

The **Library of Congress exercise class** meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at St. Mark's church for a combination of yoga, dance, and exercise. Classes have been held continuously for three years. Interested persons may call Phyllis Martin, ext. 6452, Glynis Long, ext 5744, or Sara Stewart, ext 5812.

A 36-hour course on **Basic Manual Communication** (sign language) will be offered by the Training Office from January 9 to February 17, 1978. The class will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Room 309A in the Library of Congress Building. Interested staff members should submit a Request, Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training (Optional Form 170) to the Training Office no later than December 15.

ASSAULT PROGRAM OFFERED

On November 10 the Women's Program Advisory Committee and the Protective Services Section cosponsored three sessions of a program on "Self Protec-

tion from Assault." Approximately 950 Library of Congress staff members attended the sessions, in the Coolidge Auditorium. Sergeant Roy Perry of the Criminal Investigations Division, Metropolitan Policy Department, showed two narrated slide presentations dealing with crime prevention and rape investigation

Sergeant Perry fields question from the audience during the program on "Self Protection from Assault."

procedures. There was an opportunity for questions from the audience, which Detectives Selma Partner and Herb Lopez helped Sergeant Perry to answer.

Extra shuttle busses were arranged to bring interested staff from the Crystal Mall Annex and the Taylor Street Annex, and Nancy Abbott of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped served as an interpreter for deaf staff members at the 11:15 a.m. session.

A pamphlet "Always Think Prevention" was distributed to the audience. Thirty copies of the pamphlet are available in the Women's Program Office to staff members who wish to have them.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

MARC Distribution Service–Books (Canada). Notice to Subscribers. Revised November 1977. The specifications for the Books (Canada) Service contain minor changes to the description of several fields. Available free from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20541.

The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress. ISSN 0041-7939. Vol. 34, No. 4. October 1977. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. for $1.65 for a single copy, or $6.45 per year domestic, and $8.10 foreign.

Update, a newsletter for volunteers produced by the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, made its debut this month when Vol. 1, No. 1, was distributed to volunteers on the *DBPH News* mailing list. A bimonthly publication, *Update* is the division's response to a survey to which readers of *DBPH News* expressed their desire for a separate newsletter for volunteer news. Comments, articles for publication, and requests for the newsletter should be sent to *Update,* Publication Services, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

The following reports, prepared by the legal specialists of the Law Library in response to congressional requests, are now available for wider distribution. Copies may be obtained from the Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

American Colonial Courts and Lawyers: An Annotated Bibliography by Larry M. Boyer. December 1976.

Coal Mining Health Standards in New Zealand by Marlene C. McGuiri. May 1977.

Extradition Under Greek Law: The Rolf Pohle Case by Penelope Tsilas. 1977.

Legal Restrictions and Foreign Travel and *Emigration in the Hungarian People's Republic* by William Sólyom-Fekete. May 1977.

READING HELD

Alberto de Lacerda, a leading Portuguese poet and critic, read from his work on November 28 in the Woodrow Wilson Room of the Library of Congress. The program was sponsored by the Library's Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division.

Alberto de Lacerda was born in Mozambique in 1928, and studied there and in Lisbon. He settled in London in 1951 and worked for the British Broadcasting Corporation. As an active participant in European literary circles he organized several international poetry festivals with other poets, among them Octavio Paz and Marianne Moore.

In the 1960s, he taught at the University of Texas and is currently a visiting professor at Boston University in Boston, Mass.

He is the author of four books: *Seventy Seven Poems,* translated by Arthur Waley (1955); *Exílio* (1963); *Palácio: poemas* (1961) and *Selected Poems* (1969). His poetry has been translated into several

languages by Arthur Waley, Octavio Paz, Jorge Guillén, André Frénaud, Sophia de Mello Breyner, and others. Roy Campbell called him the best Portuguese poet of his generation and René Char considers him one of the most important European poets today.

The program in the Wilson Room included readings in Portuguese, translations into English, and discussion.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

A recent reference publication issued under the sponsorship of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is Steven A. Grant's *Scholars' Guide to Washington, D.C. for Russian/Soviet Studies* (Washington, Smithsonian Institution Press, 1977. 403 p.). This volume, which was edited by Zdenek V. David, surveys a broad range of sources in the Washington area with materials relating to Russia and the Soviet Union, including libraries, archives, academic, cultural, and professional associations, U.S., foreign, and international governmental organizations, and private groups and churches. Sergius Yakobson, the Library's honorary consultant in Slavic Studies, was a consultant in the preparation of this guide. The Library of Congress holdings are described under several headings: libraries, archives and manuscript depositories, collections of music and sound recordings, map collections, holdings of still pictures, and films. Succinct descriptions are given of the size and importance of these holdings, the services offered by the Library's staff, and the means of access. The Slavic and Central European Division and other Library of Congress units cooperated in the compilation of this section. The volume contains a number of subject and name indexes as well as appendixes describing area meetings and services that may be of assistance to visitors to Washington. Although, as the foreword indicates, this publication aims primarily at providing information to persons outside the Washington area, it is no less useful to those in the region who seek to coordinate information about research possibilities in a wide variety of sources. Copies of the guide are available from the Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C. 20013 at $19.95 (cloth) and $5.95 (paper).

Esther Jerabek's bibliographic work, *Czechs and Slovaks in North America: A Bibliography,* is a much needed, well-arranged, and comprehensive documentation of the activities of Americans of Czech and Slovak extraction. It will be valuable to historians, researchers, librarians, and readers looking into various aspects of the life and culture of Czechs and Slovaks in North America. The first great waves of Czech and Slovak immigrants arrived in the United States in the 19th century, but the beginnings of the immigration go back to the 17th and 18th centuries. By the time of the First World War, the Czech and Slovak immigrants had reached political maturity and were able to aid the movement for independence of their European homeland. The broad historical and subject range of the bibliography illustrates the contribution of Czechs and Slovaks both to the development of North America and to the culture of the country of their origin. As a reference tool, this work offers information about numerous records (published and, to some extent, unpublished) of Czech and Slovak activities in America; as documentation in itself it testifies to the economic, political, and cultural efforts and achievements of Czechs and Slovaks in the northern part of the western hemisphere. The author of the bibliography is a second-generation American of Czech descent, an experienced bibliographer, librarian, archivist, and teacher. She consulted both American and Czechoslovak sources and successfully supplemented the hitherto scattered bibliographic work in this field with a publication which includes over 7,600 items, divided into 25 subject categories. The foreword of Paul L. Horecky, chief of the Slavic and Central European Division, outlines the history of the Czech and Slovak immigrants and introduces Esther Jerabek's work. The bibliography was published under the auspices of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in America and the Czechoslovak National Council of America. When processed, it will be available in the Slavic Room of the Library of Congress. The book is obtainable from SVU Books, 2067 Park Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20010 at $18 in the United States and Canada.

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NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

ASALH 1977 Convened

The 62nd annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., October 12-16, afforded a program varied enough to appeal to all 2,000 registered delegates.

Major speeches, seminar papers, and reaction com-

ment treated Afro-American history from the African diaspora to contemporary concerns as diverse as reverse discrimination, employment, the media, art, and gerontology. There was more emphasis on Africa, past and present, and less on slavery than customary. The creative coping of blacks during Reconstruction was scrutinized. Critical and biographical papers (several about W. E. B. DuBois), reports of local studies, and accounts of institutional contributions of particular interest to Afro-Americans were presented. Also the current status of blacks and of other minorities was assessed. The influence of Alex Haley's *Roots* was especially reflected in the attention given to the black family, black genealogy, and related difficulties. Problems of libraries at predominantly black institutions were likewise explored.

A reception cosponsored by Howard University and Howard University Press honored pioneer teacher-scholar-authors who have served on the faculty there: William Leo Hansberry (deceased), Charles H. Wesley, Rayford W. Logan, Merze Tate, John Hope Franklin, Elsie Lewis, Chancellor Williams, and Lorraine A. Williams. Some of the other notable persons who spoke at the convention were Patricia Roberts Harris, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Mary Francis Berry, assistant secretary for education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and the Honorable J. Parren Mitchell, U.S. Representative from Maryland.

Charles Walker Thomas is currently president and J. Rupert Picott executive director of the association, founded in 1916 by Carter G. Woodson.

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AAASS Convention Meets

The Ninth National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) met in Washington at the Capitol Hilton Hotel from October 13 to 16. There were over 1,800 enrolled participants—the largest number ever to take part in such a gathering. Organization of the convention was assisted by the association's Washington chapter in coordination with a program committee of which John A. Hardt of the Library's Congressional Research Service was a member, and a local arrangements committee, which included David H. Kraus of the Slavic and Central European Division.

There were more than 90 sessions devoted to a variety of aspects of the history, culture, economy, and society of the Slavic and East European countries, on topics ranging from Soviet policy toward the Mid-East to the Adriatic Sea and its hinterland, from modern Slovene music to the status of American university teaching of the Slavic languages.

Four of the panels were of special interest to librarians and archivists. David H. Kraus of the Slavic and Central European Division took part in a workshop on access to information sources, presenting a description of the Slavic Union Catalog and other major resources at the Library of Congress, and Robert V. Allen of the same division was a discussant at a meeting dealing with archival materials on Russia and the Soviet Union.

In addition to these meetings, there were several receptions and special events, including exhibits of recent Soviet émigré art, meetings of special associations affiliated with the AAASS, and an open house at the Voice of America. On Friday, October 14, the Library made a presentation in the Wilson Room to approximately 100 participants on the Library's Slavic and East European resources. Paul L. Horecky, chief of the Slavic and Central European Division, welcomed the group and discussed prospects for the exchange of librarians with some of the countries of Eastern Europe. Robert V. Allen talked about the Library's Slavic collections and services, and David H. Kraus surveyed the division's bibliographic programs.

At this meeting the Rare Book Division displayed a small selection of the Library's Slavic treasures. The guests were then shown the exhibit "Overview of Western Research on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe," which the Slavic and Central European Division has assembled in the Fifth Floor West Lobby of the Thomas Jefferson Building to mark the convention.

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